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CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2 SECTION: 5.5

TITLE: VESTIBULOPLASTY PROCEDURES (SURGERY ON GUMS AND

JAWS)

AUTHORITY: 38 USC 1713 and 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)

RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(e)(10)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

April 11, 1984

II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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III. DESCRIPTION

The vestibuloplasty is a surgical procedure which increases the size of the denture-bearing area and the height of the residual alveolar ridge. The primary objective of the procedure is to prepare the mouth for dentures.

IV. POLICY

Vestibuloplasty is not a CHAMPVA benefit.

END OF POLICY